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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended TWO (2) months from October 23, 2002 to December 23, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$200.00 for a TWO (2) month extension for a small entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 02486.0008.NPUS00. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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